1	2	3	4	5
Noida EPZ	367.00	496.89	586.53	775.00
Madras EPZ	281.38	391.92	992.42	1450.00
Cochin EPZ	102.53	120.31	165.36	210.00
Falta EPZ	32.31	24.04	29.15	100.00
Visakhapatnam EPZ	0.40	0.89	-	15.00
Total	2653.11	3235.63	4323.93	5600.00

(c) The performance of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) is under constant review and improvements in policy and procedure are effected on the basis of feed back from the trade and industry to ensure better performance and to increase exports from EPZs. Recent changes introduced in the Export-Import Policy include grant of additional Special Import Licence of 2% of FOB value of exports linked to achievement of higher level of exports of 25% or more than the stipulated export obligation, facility to supply/sell samples in the domestic market to procure export orders through buying agents and improving flexibility of operations by simplification of sub-contracting procedures.

Amendments in Article 324 of Constitution

*597. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Election Commission has suggested to amend the Article 324 of the Constitution to provide the same immunity and protection to the Election Commissioners in the matter of their removability from office as available to the Chief Election Commissioner;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Election Commission in this regard;

(c) whether the Govt. have considered the suggestion; and

(d) if so, by what time a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Election Commission has, among others, made the proposal that the method of appointment and the constitutional protection after appointment should be the same for the Chief Election Commissioner and the other Election Commissioners.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Supply of Coal

*598. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the annual demand for coal from power plants, steel plants, cement plants and railways during the last three years;

(b) the total quantum of coal supplied to these sectors during those years;

(c) whether adequate quantum of coal is not being supplied to these sectors;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to supply coal as per the requirement of railways, power plants, steel plants and cement plants in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b) Details regarding annual demand and supply of coal to power plants, steel plants, cement plants and Railways during the last three years are given below :-